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BREADSTUFFS.

The Coming War and Its Effects.

Probable Demand for American Products.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—The certainty of an American war and the prospect of a motive demand in the English market for the breadstuffs of this country has caused much inquiry for the statistics in regard to the supply and consumption of breadstuffs abroad, and the probable effect of the war upon the grain trade. Dr. Edward Young, Chief of the Bureau of Statistics of the Treasury Department, has collected together some statistics bearing upon the subject, and it is upon information obtained from him that the following is based:

THE GENERAL PRODUCTION OF EUROPE.

According to a very careful and thorough statistical exhibit recently made by the French Government, the total cereal production of Europe amounted present to an average of 4,994,000,000 bushels per annum. Of this Russia alone furnishes 1,606,000,000 bushels, or nearly one-third of the whole. Germany, 742,000,000 bushels; France, 687,500,000 bushels; and Austria, 550,000,000 bushels. The production of this country is set down at 1,637,250,000 bushels, which very closely agrees with Dr. Young's own estimate. Thus this country, with a population of forty millions, produces 39½ bushels to each inhabitant, while Europe, with a population of 297,000,000, produces only about 18½ bushels per head.

The following table gives the amount of cereals per inhabitant produced by the various States of Europe:

States	Bushels
Russia	124
Germany	124
France	124
Austria	124
Italy	124
Spain	124
Portugal	124
Belgium	124
Netherlands	124
Denmark	124
Sweden	124
Norway	124
Finland	124
Poland	124
Czechoslovakia	124
Hungary	124
Romania	124
Greece	124
Turkey	124
Syria	124
India	124
China	124
Japan	124
United States	124

At one time the chief dependence of England for wheat was upon Russia and Prussia, and the supremacy of the United States in the grain markets of the world is of comparatively recent growth. Prior to 1850 Russia and Prussia led this country in the supply of wheat. From 1850 to 1861 the exports of wheat from this country to England sprang suddenly up from 420,504 cwt. to 1,610,472 cwt. while in the same period Russia advanced only from 3,857,454 cwt. to 4,567,453 cwt., and Prussia from 2,845,301 cwt. to 4,462,375 cwt.

The lead taken so suddenly by this country has ever since been maintained. Tables covering the years from 1860 to 1872 show that the United States supplied England during that period with 45.9 per cent of her total imports of wheat, including flour, against 24.7 per cent from Russia and 17.2 per cent from Germany. In the same period England imported 45 per cent of her total imports of wheat from this country. In 1872 the exports of wheat of this country to Great Britain only amounted to 1,341,804 bushels, against 1,750,633 from Turkey and Roumania, and 1,870,628 bushels from Russia. At present Roumania and Southern Russia, to a lesser degree, are our principal competitors in the supply of wheat.

The year 1876 was a good harvest year in England; prices were low, and the total imports of wheat were 44,894,162 cwt., against 51,786,993 cwt. in 1875. The following table gives the sources of supply:

Country	Cwt.	Per cent of total
United States and Canada	21,716,892	48.9
Russia	8,759,182	19.5
British India	2,719,857	6.1
Germany	2,244,438	5.0
France	2,244,438	5.0
Turkey and Roumania	1,283,831	2.9
China	292,920	.7
Denmark	224,816	.5
Other countries	2,838,104	6.4
Total	44,894,162	100

The importations of Maize were 59,953,238 hundred weights, of which 50 per cent came from this country. Canadian exports of grain are included in those of this country, as they are produced in the United States. It will be seen that the countries that will be embraced by the war about to begin—Russia and Turkey—have furnished 23.6 per cent of the supplies to England. In India a dearth prevails this year. Egypt, being subject to the ravages of the Nile, will be affected by the war, and whether the war is localized or whether it draws into it other European powers, it is evident that the demand for wheat is breadstuffs will be increased in the neighborhood of 25 per cent in case of the cutting off the Russian and Turkish supplies from market by a prolonged war. Italy imports very largely from Turkey, and the Black Sea, and war will also create an active demand for our breadstuffs in Mediterranean ports.

EFFECTS OF PREVIOUS WARS.

From statistics furnished by Dr. Young it is possible to trace, in some measure, the effect of previous European wars upon the English market. At the time of the war between Turkey and Russia in 1828 and 1829, England as a rule did not require very great foreign supplies, her own production being very nearly sufficient for her wants. But it so happened that the harvests were deficient in those years, and the price advanced from an average of 58½ per bushel in 1827 to 75½ per bushel in 1829, 1830, and 1831, when the Russian General Diebitsch made his victorious march into the heart of Turkey. The price did not come down until 1832, when the average price was again 58½ per bushel.

The war between Russia and Turkey, in which England and France essentially participated, began in the fall of 1876. England and France declared war March 27 and 28, 1876. Hostilities terminated February 29, 1876. The following table gives the imports of wheat for home consumption by England, and the average price during a term of years covering the war.

Year	Quarters	Price
1875	1st	58.50
1876	1st	58.50
1877	1st	58.50
1878	1st	58.50
1879	1st	58.50
1880	1st	58.50
1881	1st	58.50
1882	1st	58.50
1883	1st	58.50
1884	1st	58.50
1885	1st	58.50
1886	1st	58.50
1887	1st	58.50
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1889	1st	58.50
1890	1st	58.50
1891	1st	58.50
1892	1st	58.50
1893	1st	58.50
1894	1st	58.50
1895	1st	58.50
1896	1st	58.50
1897	1st	58.50
1898	1st	58.50
1899	1st	58.50
1900	1st	58.50

It will be noted that although in some of the years of high prices the home harvest was good, the requirement of foreign breadstuffs was smaller than usual, yet the prices kept up. It should be stated, however, that in the four years, from 1884 to 1886, the harvests in France were deficient, and instead of

having wheat to export, as usual, it imported 6,946,160 quarters during that period, thus competing with England, instead of supplying it, as was usual.

The war between Russia and Austria, in 1866, was no exception to its effect upon trade and commerce was very transient. It began June 16th and lasted only seven weeks, but that period is nevertheless marked by an upward tendency in prices. The average price of wheat per quarter in the English market was 45½ in June, 1866; it rose to 46½ in August, and 48½ in September. Afterward, the new crop being scant, the price went up again, and the next year was one of high prices, ranging from 60 to 69 shillings per quarter.

The period of hostilities between France and Germany was not marked by any signal increase of prices, low rates generally prevailing. War was declared July 19, 1870, and was terminated by a treaty of peace on February 26, 1871. The average price per quarter for wheat in the English market was 47½ in June, 1870; 50½ in July; 53½ in August; 54½ in September, when the new crop entered the market, the price fell to 47½, from which it soon went up again, however, 1872 and 73 being years of high prices, and did not fall so low again until September, 1874.

From September 1, 1875, to March 31, 1877, which covers the period since harvest, there has been placed in the English market, importations and home production together, only 47,611,546 cwt. of wheat, against 69,540,000 in the same period of 1875-76, 68,000,000 in 1876-77, 67,850,940 in 1873-74. During the same period of 1875-76, to March 31, 1877, the total imports of wheat into Great Britain have been only 21,526,722 cwt., against 33,933,973 in the same period of the preceding season.

THE PRESENT PROSPECT.

In this country the visible supply of wheat is only about one-half of what it was this time last year, and if the Russian supply is cut off from the English market by war the supply of wheat until the next harvest will be scant, and prices necessarily high. This will tend to make a good market for maize, of which there is in this country more than twice the quantity in store than there was this time last year, although the exportations to England have been larger than last year. While much depends on the area of hostilities and the length of the war, it is the opinion of statisticians that the Eastern war cannot fail to create an extraordinary demand for our breadstuffs.

MARRIED.

JONES—MOUNTAIN—On Tuesday evening, April 24, 1877, at the residence of the bride's mother, by the Rev. J. T. Sullivan, Mr. D. E. Jones and Miss C. N. MOUNTAIN.

DIED.

MCGONIGLE—On Wednesday, April 25, 1877, at 6 o'clock P. M., Rebecca M. McGONIGLE, wife of J. L. McGONIGLE.

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Train	Time	Destination
B. & O. R.	6:40	W. Va.
Cent. & P.	7:15	W. Va.
W. & A. R.	7:30	W. Va.
Ches. & P.	8:05	W. Va.

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Train	Time	From
B. & O. R.	8:55	W. Va.
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